Misuse of Scotch Import Licence

2902. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:
MISS FRIDA TOPNO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some of the foreign based companies who were granted licence for import of scotch concentrates by his Ministry have misused the licence by misdeclaring of imported goods and by under-invoicing;

(b) if so, the names of these companies; and

(c) what action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. M/s Seagram Manufacturing Limited was *prima-facie* found to be under-invoicing imports of scotch concentrates. Two show cause notices have been issued to the firm by the Department of Revenue involving Customs duty of Rs.50.04 crores.

(c) During adjudication of the show cause notices, appropriate penal action would be taken against the importer in the light of gravity of offence as adjudged by the adjudicating authority. Besides this, a complaint for prosecution has also been filed against M/s Seagram Manufacturing Limited and its officials in the judicial court at New Delhi.

Anti-dumping duty on BOPP Film

2903. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have imposed antidumping duty on the imports of BOPP film, a critical raw material for package industry;

(b) if so, the reasons for imposition of such a duty;

(c) whether any representation has been received from the paper, film and foil converters' association.

(d) if so, by when such a request was received by Government; and

(e) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHJRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDI): (a) and (b) Yes sir, Anti-Dumping investigations were initiated on imports of BOPP film from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Oman, UAE, Singapore and Thailand on 30.05.2001. On the basis of sufficient evidence of dumping injury and a causal link between the two, provisional duties, were recommended on imports from Taiwan, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Oman, Singapore and Thailand in the preliminary findings issued by the Directorate General of Anti-Dumping and Allied Duties on 14.08.2001, which were impossed on 9.10.2001 by a Notification issued by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

(c) to (e) Representations were received from Paper Film and Foil Converters' Association *vide* their letters dated 17.09.2001 and 22.10.2001 *i.e.* after the preliminary findings. All the representations received from the interested parties will be duly examined during the course of investigations and before the final findings are issued by DGAD.

Production of Darjeeling tea

2904. SHRI LALITBHAI MEHTA:
SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of Darjeeling tea during the last three years from 1998-99 to 2000-2001;